

WILSON INSISTS ON TREATY AS ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN, LODGE WELCOMES MOVE

President Asks Party to Guard 'Nation's Honor'

**Message Sent to Oregon
County Chairman Chal-
lenges Republicans.**

No Mention Made in Telegram as to Attitude on Third Term.

President Wilson's uncompromising statement that the Democratic party must make the treaty of Versailles a campaign issue was welcomed by Republicans last night.

Commenting briefly on the President's letter to Oregon Democrats, Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican leader in the Senate, said:

"The President's statement has just been read to me over the telephone. I cannot undertake to discuss it in detail, but politically speaking I am very glad he has taken the position he has. It fully justifies all the opposition of the Republican party and those who

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President Wilson, speaking as the chief of the Democratic party, insists that the treaty of Versailles, unmodified by the Lodge reservations, is the issue on which the party should fight the impending Presidential campaign.

A clarion call to the above effect was issued at the White House last night. It took the form of a telegram.

of some 600 words, addressed by Mr. Wilson to a humble Democratic county chairman in Oregon.

Urged to Champion Treaty.

The President makes no reference whatever to his own attitude toward a renomination.

He demands that his party, without further delay, should "proclaim itself the uncompromising champion of the nation's honor." In pursuance thereof Mr. Wilson summons the political organization, which he manifestly still assumes to command, to "endorse and support the Versailles treaty and condemn the Lodge reservations."

Mr. Wilson places the ban on Senator Henry Cabot Lodge's proposal because they are "utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor and the future of the world leadership which has been established. He thinks the time has come for the Democratic party 'proudly to avow that it means to try without flinching . . . to apply moral and Christian principles to world politics."

Opportunity for Democrats.

The President's call to arms ended up on the note of "caution" and "inwardness" of his pronouncements. "The Democratic party," he declares "has now a great opportunity to show the world what it is made of. It must measure up. The hour of the world is in its hands."

When he says that Mr. Wilson means to indicate that he has promptly taken up the gage of battle thrown down by Republican leaders, the republican votes during the past two days in the Senate is an answer to Senator Bo-

Penrose's proposal of Senator Philander C. Knox as the "ideal" candidate. It is an answer to the people's demand for a more responsible government, up Johnson's political ladder, mainly in the absence of his rabid campaign against a treaty league of any kind.

Party Supports Wilson.

I am able to state on high authority that the President's lead, as exemplified last night, is one that the party as a whole will readily follow. The action of the New York State Democratic committee at Albany on Friday in branding the league a " inadequate " is said not to be a nation-wide Democratic view.

The rank and file of the party—especially the dominant wing of it—will not be so easily won over. They will say "Amen" to the Wilsonian. The Democratic leader

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out the door downstairs.

"I have not," said Mike, pulling his shirt sleeves higher. "But it's the only subject in the animal world that's both natural and illegal. Lists of outlaws are everywhere. I've not been complained to about these two days. See the landlord? Or else? Move out if ye like. Have ye hippopotamuses in the lease? No, then?"

"It was the old man who spoke of it," said Danny. "Likely there's nothing in it."

Danny walked up the street to the avenue and then walked northward into the heart of the district where Easter—modern Easter, in new, bright raincoats—leads the paschal march. Out of towering brown churches came

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